



## Telephone Book Recycling

Spring is in the air which can mean only one thing...your new telephone books will be arriving at your doorstep if they have not already. Now through May 15, Qwest-Dex will be distributing their new Spring 2003 telephone directories to Mesa residents. The City of Mesa Solid Waste Division offers you an easy solution to recycle your old phone books by asking you to simply toss them into your blue barrel along with all your other recyclables. That's all there is to it! If you have any questions regarding any of Mesa's Recycling Programs, please call the Mesa Recycling Hotline at (480) 644-2222 or visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org).

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## L.I.F.E. Style Living in a Friendly Environmental Manner

### *A Waste Reduction Guide to Making Your Home Environmentally Friendly*

We all want to do our part to protect the environment and make Mesa a better place to live. Many of us take the time to divert household items from the landfill by either participating in Mesa's Blue and Green Barrel curbside recycling collection program or taking materials to one of our area drop-off recycling centers. While these are commendable activities, there is much more that we can do everyday to ensure that we make the most of our natural resources and protect the environment.

**Grasscycle** - Mow your lawn more frequently, cutting just the top third of the grass blade. Studies have shown that leaving the shorter clippings (which are rich in nutrients) on the lawn and more frequently will result in a healthier, green lawn with less effort!

**Avoid single-use disposable products** - Whenever possible, either purchase goods that are durable and can be used for a long period of time or reuse products you may have at home.

**Reuse!** - It sounds simple, but many of us overlook the obvious. Why throw something away when you can use it again and again.

For additional tips and ideas, please visit Mesa's Web site!

### BARREL REMINDER



All barrels are collected on scheduled pickup days including holidays.

To ensure collection, please have barrels to the curb by 6 a.m. on your service day.

Please share the information provided in *Curbside Chat* with your neighbors via your community newsletter & homeowner meetings.

### Need City of Mesa information right away?

Mesa's Web site is just a mouse click away!  
You can find loads of useful information about the City's many programs and services.

**[www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org)**

**Visit us on the Web today!**



## Acceptable Blue Barrel Items

The following City designated acceptable materials may be placed into your blue barrel container:

- **Plastic bottles, jugs & jars:** Plastic bottles and jugs that have a neck smaller than the base and those with a screw top lid like soda bottles, detergent bottles, and milk jugs.
- **Glass:** Food and beverage containers
- **Paper:** White and colored, computer, printer, or writing paper and direct mailings.
- **Corrugated cardboard & Chipboard:** Food and packing boxes (i.e.— cereal boxes, detergent boxes)
- **Aluminum & Metal Cans:** Food cans and containers
- **Newspaper:** Including inserts
- **Magazines:** Soft cover magazines and catalogs - no hardback books
- **Telephone books**

All materials placed in the blue barrel should be relatively clean, dry, and empty. Labels and lids do not need to be removed.

Please do not contaminate the blue barrel with refuse or yard waste.

## Barrel Reminders

**DO** bag food waste before placing it into the **BLACK** barrel.

**DO NOT** place gift wrap, tissue paper, styrofoam, plastic toys and inflatables, lawn chairs, or light bulbs into the **BLUE** recycling barrel.

If possible, avoid parking on the street during your scheduled collection day to assist our drivers servicing your barrels.

### How to Reach Us:

#### Solid Waste Division

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Residential Services ..... (480) 644-2688  
 Commercial Services ..... (480) 644-2744  
 Recycling Hotline ..... (480) 644-2222  
 Internet Address ..... [www.cityofmesa.org/waste](http://www.cityofmesa.org/waste)  
 Email Address ..... [waste.info@cityofmesa.org](mailto:waste.info@cityofmesa.org)

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Mesa residents looking for a way to get rid of household hazardous waste materials may bring them to the City sponsored collection event listed below:

**May 17, 2003**

8 a.m.-Noon

**East Mesa Service Center**

6935 E. Decatur

There is no cost to use this service, but Mesa residents are asked to show their most recent trash bill upon arrival. **Hazardous waste will only be accepted during the event and residents are asked to remain in their vehicles at all times while at the collection site.**

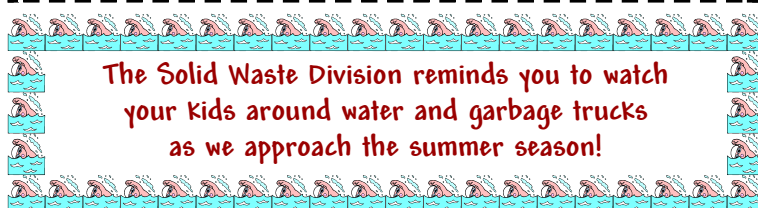
Waste should be sealed in its original container if possible, and unmarked containers should be labeled if the contents are known.

Acceptable items include paint, gasoline, electronics, appliances, tires without rims, aerosol cans, motor oil, pesticides, batteries, pool chemicals, etc.

Industrial waste, 55-gallon drums and large truck tires will not be accepted. Collected materials will either be recycled, reused or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. For more information, including a complete list of acceptable items, please call the Recycling Hotline at (480) 644-2222 or visit the Solid Waste Division's Web page at [www.cityofmesa.org/waste](http://www.cityofmesa.org/waste).

### Plans underway for Mesa's 3rd neighborhood conference and awards program

Mesa's 3rd neighborhood conference and awards presentation will be Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Mesa Centennial Center. At the conference, the Virginia Lamb Award will be presented to an outstanding Mesa neighborhood leader. Virginia Lamb, a long-time Mesa resident and leader of the North Center Revitalization Association, was known for her fiery persistence, her candid speech, her dedication to neighborhood improvement, and her unshakable faith in the power of good people working together to create positive change. Award nomination materials will be available in late summer 2003. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesa.org/neighsvc/conference](http://www.cityofmesa.org/neighsvc/conference) or call (480) 644-4476.



**The Solid Waste Division reminds you to watch your kids around water and garbage trucks as we approach the summer season!**